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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group Art Unit: 2822
Examiner: Toniae M. Thomas

In re PATENT APPLICATION of:

Applicant: Kazutaka SHIBATA

Serial No.: 10/727,577

Filed: December 5, 2003

For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND
METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING
SAME

Attorney Ref: AI 254 D1

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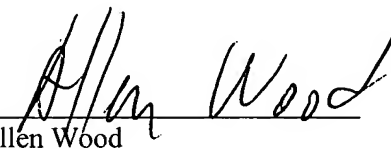
August 3, 2005

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

It is noted that the Office Action of June 30, 2005 was mailed to the prior law firm, despite a document entitled "Letter" that was filed on April 15, 2005 to request that further correspondence be sent to the present law firm. The prior law firm was kind enough to forward the Office Action to the present law firm, but considerable time has been lost. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the period for responding to the Office Action be restarted.

Respectfully submitted,



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